



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2143**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2143

Application No.: 09/683,532

Examiner: A. Q. Choudhury

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INTEGRATING ELECTRONIC MAIL AND  
DISTRIBUTED NETWORKS INTO A WORKFLOW SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the August 25, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration is respectively requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-25 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sakaguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,636 B1) in view of Paul (US Patent Application No. US 20020169835A1).

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Sakaguchi nor Paul, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests at least creating an e-mail message to the recipient by the user, the recipient who does not have access to the workflow system, associating a process of the workflow system with the determined network address and sending the e-mail message having a link to the determined network address to the recipient, wherein the link provides the recipient with an